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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 4th November, 1966:—

BILL No. 71 OF 1966

A bill to provide for the constitution of a National Board of Examinations for conducting post-Graduate medical examinations on an all-India basis.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventeenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

- (1) This Act may be called the National Board of Post- Graduate Medical Examinations Act, 1966. Short title, extent and commencement.
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of India.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

National Board of Examinations.

Composition of the Board.

Composition of the Governing Body.

2. There shall be constituted a National Board of Examinations (hereinafter referred to as the Board) for conducting post-Graduate medical examinations on an all-India basis, with the object of bringing about uniformity in the standard of examinations conducted by the various Universities in India. 5

3. The Board shall work through—
 (a) the Governing Body; and
 (b) the Speciality Boards.

4. (1) The Governing Body shall consist of the following members:— 10

(a) President of the Medical Council of India, who shall also be the *ex-officio* President of the Governing Body of the Board;

(b) eight representatives from the Medical Council of India, who have been or are post-Graduate teachers; 15

(c) one representative of the Academy of Medical Sciences, who is or has been a post-Graduate teacher;

(d) two nominees of the Central Government to be chosen from amongst post-Graduate teachers of the Medical Colleges in India; 20

(e) four representatives of the Universities to be elected from amongst post-Graduate teachers from Medical Colleges through the Inter-University Board of India; and

(f) two Members of Lok Sabha nominated by the Speaker.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in this section, the term of office of the members of the Governing Body shall be three years from the date of their election or nomination, as the case may be: 25

Provided that the members of the Governing Body shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination.

Functions of the Governing Body.

5. The Governing Body shall—
 (1) constitute Speciality Boards for the actual conduct of the examinations in different subjects;
 (2) prescribe standards of post-Graduate medical education for the guidance of the Universities; and 30

(3) advise the Universities in the matter of securing uniform standards of post-Graduate medical examination throughout India.

6. (1) The Speciality Boards shall consist of seven members, two of whom shall be nominated by the Governing Body from amongst themselves and the remaining five members shall be elected by the respective associations from amongst their members who are or have been post-Graduate teachers of ten years' standing.

(2) The term of office of the members of the Speciality Boards shall be three years from the date of their election or nomination:

10 Provided that members of the Speciality Boards shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Speciality Boards shall, in addition to other functions vested in it, have the following functions, namely:—

15 (a) to prepare a panel of teachers who have ten years' experience of teaching post-Graduate students;

(b) to appoint examiners from the panel of teachers.

(c) to conduct examinations at centres as directed by the Governing Body.

20 8. The headquarters of the Board shall be in New Delhi.

Head-
quarters
of the
Board.

25 9. The Board may appoint besides a Director, a Deputy Director and a Secretary, such number of officers and employees as it considers necessary or desirable for the efficient performance of its functions and determine the terms and conditions of their appointment and service.

Staff
of the
Board.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

There is a great need for constituting a National Board of Examination for conducting post-Graduate medical examination on an all-India basis as at present there is no uniformity in the standard of examinations conducted by the various Universities in India. This need was recognised by the Medical Council of India as far back as 1957.

Under section 20 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Medical Council of India with its post-Graduate education Committee is already charged with the responsibilities of laying down the standards of post-Graduate medical education for the guidance of Universities and advising them in the matter of securing uniform standards of post-Graduate medical examinations throughout India. It would, therefore, be proper that the Medical Council of India should continue to discharge the same duty in conjunction with the suggested National Board of Examinations. Hence this Bill.

NEW DELHI;

C. B. SINGH.

August 8, 1966.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill contemplates the appointment of some officers and staff for carrying out the functions of the National Board of Examinations, *vide* clause 9 of the Bill.

The Board will ultimately be a self-supporting body as the income derived from the fees, to be charged from the examinees, will be sufficient to meet the expenditure. However, for a few years in the beginning, say for a period of three years, financial assistance from the Consolidated Fund of India will be necessary to meet the expenditure of the Board. On a rough estimate, the total recurring expenditure on account of the Secretariat of the Board is likely to be Rs. 60,000 per annum, besides a non-recurring expenditure of about Rs. 15,000 on the setting up of the Board's office.

S. L. SHAKDHER,
Secretary.

